

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of Serial No. 10/244,036. The claims which were allowed in the parent application have been cancelled.

In the parent application, the Examiner rejected some of the claims including claims 1 and 15, which are pending in this application. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of the *Noda, et al.* (6,425,206) reference and respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 that was previously lodged against claims in the parent application.

The Examiner interprets the operation of the closer CZ from *Noda, et al.* as reading on "reduction of any slack between door and panel." Applicant respectfully disagrees. The closer CZ of *Noda, et al.* does not do anything for operating the motor relative to the sliding door of *Noda, et al.* The closer CZ is a separate device as can be appreciated from Figure 7, for example. The closer is a device that operates independent of the motor that moves the slideable door 5 and, therefore, does not reduce any slack between the motor and the door.

Noda, et al. does not teach Applicant's invention in any form and there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness because the claimed invention cannot be found by making any legally acceptable modification of *Noda, et al.*

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims in this application are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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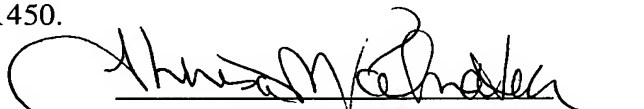
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